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Mizoram	Aizawl	315 88*	BPR study to be initiated
Jharkhand	Ranchi	319 69*	BPR study to be initiated
Punjab	Kapurthala Nawanshahr	600 11	BPR study to be initiated
Uttarakhand	Pauri	279 04*	BPR study to be initiated
Orissa	Ganjam	323 87*	BPR study to be initiated
Maharashtra	Nagpur Pune Latur	1022 42*	BPR study to be initiated
Madhya Pradesh	Indore Sagar	577 00*	BPR study to be initiated
Tamil Nadu	Thiruvaruvar Krishnagiri Perambalur Ariyalur Coimbatore	1257 91	BPR study to be initiated
Bihar	Nalanda Aurangabad Madhubani	1147 74	BPR study completed Application development underway
Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad Gautambudh-nagar Raibareli Sitapur Gorakhpur Sultanpur	1891 84	BPR study completed Process of Data digitization and application development underway
Assam	Sonitpur Goalpara	656 63	BPR study completed

*Pilots approved in March, 2008

Housing policy and regulatory measures for real estate

*453. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a national policy on housing as the land prices are soaring and the entry of FDI in real estate has made housing out of reach of the ordinary people including the middle class;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to regulate private sector in the real estate; and

(c) the regulatory measures contemplated by Government for the real estate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The first ever urban focused National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (NUHHP), 2007 was laid on the Table of both Houses of the Parliament on 7.12.2007. The Policy has been widely circulated amongst various State Governments/Union Territories and other stakeholders.

The Policy seeks to bridge the gap between need and supply of housing and infrastructure and *inter-alia* provides for accelerating the pace of development of housing and related infrastructure; and creating an adequate and affordable housing stock both on rental and

ownership basis. The Policy also seeks to promote the use of proven and cost-effective building materials and technology to bring down construction costs. Further, the Policy encourages State Governments/Development Authorities to periodically review their master plans and zonal plans and facilitate accelerated supply of serviced land for housing with particular focus on the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG) and also make special provisions for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Minorities/ Disabled and Women.

The Policy refers to use of innovative spatial incentives by providing that 10 to 15 per cent of land in every new public/private housing project or 20 to 25 per cent of Floor Space Index (FSI), whichever is greater be reserved for EWS/LIG housing. Further the Policy seeks that Urban Local Bodies in consultation with all stake-holders will enforce regulatory measures for planned development in an effective manner and prepare master Plans and Metropolitan Plans in consonance with the concerned District Plan and the State Regional Plan. These measures are likely to stem the rate of growth of housing prices.

(b) and (c) The Government has not taken any decision on regulatory measures in real estate including regulation of the private sector in the real estate on an all India basis.

MoU with Malaysia

*454. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is signing and MoU with Malaysian Government to benefit Indian emigrant workers-unskilled, semiskilled and skilled;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said MoU;

(c) whether any provision has also been made in the said MoU to protect the interests of the existing Indian workers who are facing unsatisfactory working conditions in Malaysia;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the meausres taken, if any, to guard the working conditions of Indian workers there?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (e) MoU on Labour and Manpower Development between India and Malaysia has been finalized at the official level. The two Governments are completing necessary procedures for signing the MoU at the earliest. The proposed MoU on Labour and Manpower Development between India and Malaysia will lay down the institutional framework for bilateral cooperation to facilitate employment, protection and welfare of Indian emigrant workers, especially the unskilled, semiskilled and skilled workers. The existing workers will also be covered under the proposed MoU. The proposed MoU also provides or the constitution of a Joint Working Grouping for better coordination between the two countries.

Use of In-Flight Mobile Services

*455. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of in-flight mobile services in India is being prohibited due to security reasons;